

A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING HARDWARE SUPPORT FOR
MEMORY PROTECTION AND VIRTUAL MEMORY ADDRESS TRANSLATION FOR
A VIRTUAL MACHINE

5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for providing hardware support for memory protection and virtual memory address translation for a virtual machine. The method includes executing a host machine application within a host machine context and executing a virtual machine application within a virtual machine context. A plurality of TLB (translation look aside buffer) entries for the virtual machine context and the host machine context are stored within a TLB. Memory protection bits for the plurality of TLB entries are logically combined to enforce memory protection on the virtual machine application.